

History:

VA has maintained an Outpatient clinic in Lee County since 1979. Services have grown and expanded over the years as the number of veterans accessing the VA healthcare system has increased. The current location on Winkler Extension opened in 1998; it will be closed once the new clinic is opened and all services are relocated. The current clinic, as well as the new one, reports to the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System, located in Bay Pines, Florida (near St. Petersburg). Leaders at Bay Pines have oversight and responsibility for the services offered and ensuring quality of care.

Who we serve:

The VA clinic serves those veterans and others who are eligible to receive VA healthcare services (visit www.va.gov for information on eligibility). The current clinic serves approximately 26,000 veterans with over 178,000 patient visits last year. Close to 80% of the veterans served are over the age of 60 and about 96% are men.

Vision for the Future:

The new Lee County clinic in Cape Coral will be designed to adapt to veterans' changing healthcare needs. A special focus will be placed on:

- Mental health care, including care for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- The needs of our returning combat veterans, those serving in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other Global War on Terrorism theaters
- Women veterans care - including gender specific exam rooms and dedicated staff proficient in women veterans healthcare

The clinic will be designed to enhance services in these areas for current and future veterans.

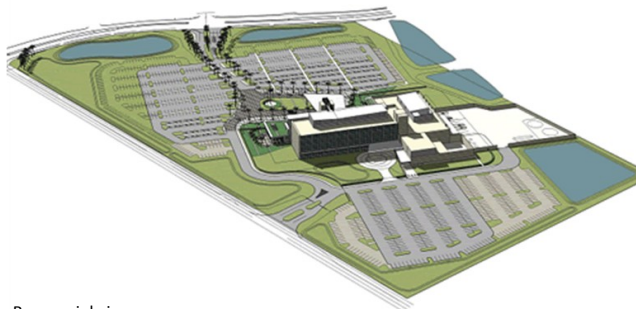
Front aerial view



Current Lee County, Fort Myers VA Clinic
3033 Winkler Extension
Fort Myers, FL 33916
Phone: (239) 939-3939

New Lee County, Cape Coral VA Clinic
Cape Coral, FL 33909

Additional information available at:
www.baypines.va.gov



Rear aerial view



Lee County, Cape Coral VA Outpatient Clinic



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Project Description:

The Lee County, Cape Coral VA Outpatient Clinic project is intended to increase VA healthcare services to veterans residing in Lee County and the surrounding area. Planned at over 200,000 square feet, it is almost 3 times the size as the current location.

Main lobby



Staffing:

Over 200 full time employees equivalents (FTEE) work at the clinic in a variety of healthcare related fields as well as administrative, clerical, engineering, police, and housekeeping roles. We expect the number of staff to increase as we add additional services at the new location. Those interested in gaining employment with VA should visit www.vacareers.va.gov.

Primary care reception desk



Project Timeline:

- 2006 Purchased 30 acre parcel of land at intersection of Diplomat Parkway and Corbett Road, Cape Coral
- 2008 Completion of preliminary design by Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK)
- 2009 Completion of final design by HOK
Construction solicitation announced on Fed Biz Opps
- 2011 Completion of clinic construction

Lobby looking west



Lobby looking east



Services Offered:

The new Lee County VA Outpatient Clinic will be a comprehensive healthcare center designed to accommodate the changing needs of veterans in the region. The clinic will be a state-of-the-art primary and specialty care center also offering mental health, diagnostic radiology, and laboratory services.

New or expanded programs will include:

- Advanced imaging including CT, MRI, fluoroscopy, ultrasound, nuclear medicine, mammography, and vascular Doppler ultrasound
- Audiology
- Cardiology with cardiac non-invasive diagnostic services
- Dermatology
- Gastroenterology
- Minor surgery
- Orthopedics
- Ophthalmology
- Urology
- Women Veterans Healthcare

View from 2nd floor surgery waiting room

